



WEST OXFORDSHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and Date of Committee	<b>COUNCIL – 26 FEBRUARY 2025</b>
Subject	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE TO COUNCIL</b>
Wards Affected	All
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Purpose	To agree recommendations made to Council by the Executive in relation to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2025/26.
Annexes	Appendix A – Recommendations from Executive to Council. Appendix B – Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26 report. Annex A to Appendix B – Financial Modelling
Recommendation	The Executive on 20 November 2024 recommended that Council resolves to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agree the inflationary increase in income bands as detailed in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of this report from 1 April 2025.</li><li>2. Agree that any surplus in the Hardship Fund is transferred over to 2025/2026 for reasons detailed in paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6 of this report.</li></ol>
Corporate Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working Together for West Oxfordshire</li></ul>
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	Chair of the Council, Director of Governance, Business Manager - Environmental, Welfare & Revenue Service

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Council is required to consider recommendations made to it by the Executive in relation to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2025/26.

## **2. MAIN POINTS**

- 2.1 The decisions recommended by the Executive, to be agreed to by Council, are detailed within Appendix A with hyperlinks added to signpost Members and the public to the original decisions taken by the Executive, along with other related documentation. The report to the Executive is attached as Appendix B.
- 2.2 These recommendations were not previously presented to Council due to an oversight. This item has been added to the Council agenda due to reasons of special circumstances.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Any financial implications of the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated report to the Executive.

## **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any legal implications of the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated reports to the Executive.
- 4.2 Under Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, reports may be added to Council agendas at less than 5 days' notice by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, where the chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

## **5. RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 Any risks associated with the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated report to the Executive.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 6.1 Any equality implications associated with the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated report to the Executive.

## **7. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Any climate and ecological emergency implications associated with the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated reports to the Executive.

## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

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